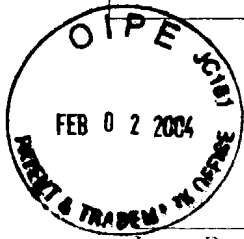


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Dear Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to a final office action mailed July 28, 2003 (hereinafter the "Action"), wherein claims 4-6, 10-14, 59-61 and 93-95 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) over Shi *et al.* (WO 99/14240). Those same claims were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Shaughnassy (US 2002/0102639). Claims 1, 3-12, 14, 59-61, 74, 75 and 90-96 were provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for statutory-type double patenting and under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks. This amendment is timely filed with a petition and fee for a three-month extension of time. A Request for Continued Examination is being filed herewith.

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The remarks begin at page 9.